

SENATOR LINDSAY: This is an amendment which reduces the A bill by I believe around \$71,000. The reason for that is the A bill...our rules require that because we're creating that additional judgeship in Sarpy County has to be funded, at least by an A bill it has to be out here and the Legislature then has to make a decision. The process then allows us to come through with an amendment like this to reduce that A bill. And that's what this does, it reduces the amount necessary to create that additional judgeship in Sarpy County. The reason for that is in talking about this...in dealing with the various parties on this, the court administrator has indicated that given the...given the lay of the land right now it would have sufficient funds to pay for that...to pay for that judgeship out of...out of what they would already been appropriated. The reason for that is because of LB 19 which they assume...has been sitting on Final Reading, that is what adds the juvenile judges. They have been paying temporary judges or paying retired judges to sit in a temporary capacity in those juvenile courts because they don't have full-time judges. When those full-time judges are added by LB 19, that will reduce their need then for those temporary judges. And since they won't have to pay those temporary judges they will have sufficient funds to pay for the...this judge in Sarpy County. So the bottom line is we don't need to increase the Supreme Court's budget to pay for this. With that, I'm going to yield the balance of the time to Senator Withem, who I believe has some further expounding on the issue.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Withem, you're recognized, you have approximately eight minutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you very much, Senator Lindsay. I am, of course, in support of the...could I have a little...

SENATOR HALL: (Gavel.) Members, please hold down their conversations so that we can hear the Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Thank you, Senator Lindsay, for the time. I am in support of the Lindsay amendment. I'm supportive, obviously, of the underlying Withem amendment. What this does, I think, is bring to a close the full circle of the debate we've had on judicial resources during this legislative session. The early commitment that Senator Lindsay and I, and I believe Senator Avery was also very instrumental, probably a stronger advocate than anybody